IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Fukumura, et al.

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For: Negative-Sense RNA Virus Vector for

Nerve Cell

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2003, Applicants submit the following Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0662.

Kindly enter the following Amendments: